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PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on August 13, 2002 a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a three count indictment against Roydel Valentine Vernon a.k.a. Whimpy D.O.B. 3-9-60 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Courtney Vaughn Stubbs a.k.a. Big Hair D.O.B. 3-1-68 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Marlene McIntosh a.k.a. Hope D.O.B. 12-9-66 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Zandra McConnell a.k.a. Sandy D.O.B. 5-19-46 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Elmer Frederick Borschell D.O.B. 10-6-42 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Evroy Purge a.k.a. Cedric Sewer a.k.a. Eric Jamal Franklin a.k.a. Marlon Dwight Samuels D.O.B. 8-13-71 of Phoenix Arizona. The federal indictment charges all six defendants with violating Title 21 of the United States Code, Section 846.

The indictment alleges Vernon participated and directed co-defendants to transport the marijuana from Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and elsewhere outside those areas. The marijuana was subsequently sold and the proceeds were delivered to individuals

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in Arizona. Over a period of four months it is believed this organization is responsible for the distribution of over 3 thousands pounds of marijuana. The street value of the marijuana is over 1 million dollars.

If convicted of the conspiracy offense, all defendants are exposed to a maximum penalty of life imprisonment and/or a fine of 4 million dollars.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by Phoenix IRS, Phoenix DEA, Holbrook P.D., Arizona Department of Public Safety, Philadelphia DEA and the Pennsylvania Highway Patrol.

The prosecution is being handled by Steven P. Logan, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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